Bill. Therefore, we walk out.

(At this stage some hon. Members left the chamber.)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AGESH DESAI): The question is:

"That the Bill to passed."

The motion was adopted.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Import of bus and truck tyres on O.G.I.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Sir, I rise to make a statement on the decision taken by the Government with regard to import of bus and truck tyres.

There has been a persistent increase in the prices of truck and bus tyres over the last three years. Despite the increase in the production of bus and truck tyres, the market prices of the tyres have shown a rising trend.

The rising trend in the prices of bus and truck tyres has also been the subject matter of many Parliament Questions and Members have voiced their concern over it. The Government have also stated that the import of tyres will be considered if the need arises.

Having reviewed the situation carefully, Government have taken the following decisions:—

(i) The following categories of consumers will be allowed to import bus and truck tyres on OGL:—

(a) Original Equipment Manufacturers

(b) State Road Transport Undertakings

(c) Association of State Road Transport undertakings

(d) Recognised State Level Associations of bus and truck operators as may be approved by the Department of Industrial Development.

(e) Agencies of State Governments' as may be approved by the Department of Industrial Development.

(ii) The bus and truck tyres allowed for import on OGL will be the following categories:—

1000x20—16 PR
1000x20—14 PR
900x20—16 PR
900x20—14 PR
900x20—12 PR

Nylon tyres in ribbed, lug and semi-lug varieties.

(iii) The total import duty on such tyres will be 100 per cent (excluding the 5 per cent drought surcharge). In addition there will be the applicable countervailing duty.

Simultaneously, Government will be encouraging maximisation of production by tyre manufacturers. It is hoped that these measures will stimulated competition in the market and thereby benefit the consumers and the industry.

IIS scheme for maximisation of Industrial production during Seventh Plan period

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, I rise to make a statement on the decision of the Government to introduce a scheme for maximisation of industrial production during the 7th Plan period.

In order to encourage industrial units to maximise their production, Government have from time to time been allowing re-endorsement of licensed capacities on the basis of the capacity utilisation or modernisation achieved by them. The latest of such re-endorsement schemes are contained in the Press Notes No. 1 & 2 of January, 1986. While these schemes take cognisance of the production achieved by an industrial undertaking in the past, it is considered desirable to introduce a scheme that would give advance